Comprehensive law for SSIs

3160. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring forward a comprehensive law on Small Scale Industries on the line of Companies Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Government had entrusted a study for the simplification of laws, rules, procedures affecting Small Scale Industries (SSIs) sector and the task of suggesting a single comprehensive law for SSIs to the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad. The draft of a Small Enterprises Development Bill received from ASCI seeks to address concerns of SSIs related to the regulatory laws, credit, marketing, trade protection, labour related instructions etc. The comments on the draft bill, as revised by ASCI, have since been sought from stakeholders.

Satellite tests

†3161. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking over any programme for conducting more satellite tests in the Space in view of successful test of G.S.L.V. by the Indian scientists recently; and

(b) if so, the expected success for attaining the self-sufficiency in Space programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) With the two successful flights, Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) has demonstrated its capability to inject satellites into Geo-synchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) and is ready to carry operational satellites of 2000 kg. class. The Tenth

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